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Remarks/Arguments

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12, 14-18, 20-22, 24-28, and 30, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Zimmerman (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0093789).

The present invention, as recited by claim 1, teaches, a television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising: a tuner operative to tune a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating an emergency event; and a memory operative to store information associated with the emergency alert function, said memory further operative to receive updated information and replace said information associated with the emergency alert function with said updated information.

It is respectfully asserted that Zimmerman fails to describe "a memory operative to store information associated with the emergency alert function, said memory further operative to receive updated information and replace said information associated with the emergency alert function with said updated information," as described in currently amended claim 1.

Zimmerman describes systems for monitoring broadcast content and generating notification signals as a function of subscriber profiles and methods of operating the same. According to an exemplary embodiment, a monitoring system is introduced that is capable of identifying special event content within a plurality of broadcast content streams, each of the plurality of broadcast content streams having detectable content attributes. The monitoring system is operable to (i) sense a content change within at least one of the plurality of broadcast content streams as a function of the detectable content attributes, (ii) detect the special event content broadcast within the at least one of the plurality of broadcast content streams as a function of the sensed content change, and (iii) selectively generate a notification signal as a function of the detected special event content and a subscriber profile. (Zimmerman Abstract)

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The Office Action asserts that Zimmerman "discloses a television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising: a tuner operative to tune a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating an emergency event [0011 lines 6-12]; and a memory [Figure 1 Memory unit 170] operative to receive and store updated information associated with the emergency alert function." (Office Action, page 2)

The cited passage of Zimmerman states that "Memory 170 provides storage for an application program executed by incoming alarm notification controller 150, as well as storage for emergency code 180, audio emergency message(s) 181, and video emergency message(s) 182. Emergency code 180 represents the portion of memory 170 which is allocated for the storage of one or more emergency code(s) associated with the EBS message(s) received by incoming alarm notification controller 150. Typically, emergency code 180 stores a single code though additional codes may be provided." (Zimmerman, paragraph 0011)

Zimmerman stores an application program, emergency code(s), and message(s) in the memory 170. Zimmerman does not describe an update process whereby more up-to-date information about an event is received and stored. In the present invention, rather than storage of uncorrelated even codes, "television signal receiver 20 receives updated information associated with the emergency alert function, such as but not limited to, 20 geographical area information and/or transmission frequency information, and stores the updated information in memory 27. Such updated information enables the emergency alert function of television signal receiver 20 to be performed with the most up-to-date information available." (Specification, page 10, lines 18-23)

Thus, it is respectfully asserted that Zimmerman fails to describe "a memory operative to store information associated with the emergency alert function, said memory further operative to receive updated information and replace said information associated with the emergency alert function with said updated information," as described in currently amended claim 1.

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In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that there is no 35 USC 112 enabling disclosure provided by Zimmerman that makes the present invention as claimed in claim 1 unpatentable. It is further submitted that independent claims 11 and 21 are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Since dependent claims 2-10, 12-20, and 22-30 are dependent from allowable independent claims 1, 11, and 21 respectively, it is submitted that they too are allowable for at least the same reasons that their respective independent claims are allowable. Thus, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 3, 9, 13, 19, 23, and 29, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmerman (U.S. Patent No. 2003/0093789).

As claims 3, 9, 13, 19, 23, and 29 are dependent upon allowable claims 1, 11, and 21 respectively, as described above, it is respectfully submitted that they too are allowable. Thus, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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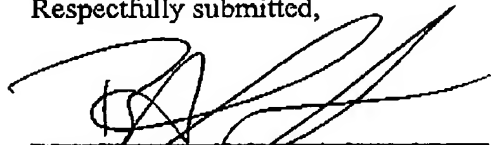
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